GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3706
ANSWERED ON:21.03.2001
SAVING-CUM-RELIEF SCHEME
SURESH RAMRAO JADHAV (PATIL)

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether women and inland fisher people have not been included in the Saving-cum-Relief Scheme for fisherman;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government propose to make amendment in the Saving-cum-Relief Scheme;

(d) if so, whether the Government have received any proposal in this regard;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the steps taken/proposed to implement the recommendations of the Murari Committee and for inclusion of women and inland fisher people in the said schemes?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) to (e): Saving-cum-Relief component of the Centrally Sponsored `National Scheme of Welfare of Fishermen` has been extended to Inland Fishermen from the financial year 2000-2001. This has not so far been extended to fish workers including fisherwomen who are engaged in fish marketing or other allied work. The Government of India had taken up this matter with State Governments/U.T. Administrations. Only three State Governments/U.T. Administrations have supported the proposal.

The scheme has been revised to cover inland fishermen also from the current financial year. In the case of inland fishermen, a contribution of Rs.50/- per month for nine months in a year is to be collected, and matched by an equal contribution from the Central Government and the State Government. The sum will be distributed in three monthly instalments of Rs.300/- each during the monsoon/closed period.

(f): The recommendations of the Murari Committee are at Annexure-I and action taken thereon is in Annexure-II.Information on recommendations relating to fisher people is given at S.No.17 and 18 of Annexure-I and II.